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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED
SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

REFERENCE: BERN 2916

1. AS STATED IN THE REFERENCED CABLE, THE SECRETARIAT OF
THE IUCN (INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE)
WILL DEFER UNTIL THE SECOND HALF OF 1976 THE CONFERENCE
WHICH SHALL PLAN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENDANGERED
SPECIES CONVENTION. THE MORE NATIONS, PARTICULARLY AMONG
BOTH THE MAJOR CONSUMER AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES, WHICH PAR-
TICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE, THE MORE EFFECTIVE THE

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CONVENTION WILL ULTIMATELY BE.

2. PARTICIPATION BY THE E.C. MEMBER STATES IS PARTICULARLY
IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY DURING THE CONFERENCE ITSELF, BUT ALSO

DURING THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE.

3. THE ABOVE MENTIONED DELAY WILL PROVIDE THOSE STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET DEPOSITED AN INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF GRACE IN WHICH TO DO SO.

4. THE LACK OF DEPOSITS OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION BY E.C. MEMBERS IS A MATTER OF SOME CONCERN HERE. WE UNDERSTAND TO SOME EXTENT THIS LACK IS NOT DUE TO AN ABSENCE OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF MEMBERS BUT RATHER TO A DESIRE TO

ARRANGE A SIMULTANEOUS RATIFICATION BY ALL MEMBER STATES.

5. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, CABLES RECEIVED HERE FROM VARIOUS E.C. CAPITALS SHOW SOME DISCREPANCY IN THE WAY VARIOUS MEMBERS VIEW THE PRESENT SITUATION.

6. DENMARK, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM SEEM TO EXPECT A SIMULTANEOUS DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION BY ALL E.C. MEMBERSFRG, ITALY, AND LUXEMBURG DESCRIBE THEIR RATIFICATION PROCESSES AS PROCEEDING NORMALLY WITH NO REFERENCE TO COORDINATION WITH FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE E.C. BELGIUM MAKES REFERENCE TO AN AGREEMENT AMONG E.C. MEMBERS TO DEPOSIT SIMULTANEOUSLY BUT STATES THIS AGREEMENT HAS BROKEN DOWN.

7. ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY WISH TO DESCRIBE THE ABOVE SITUATION TO HOST GOVERNMENTS, AND IN LOW-KEY MANNER ENCOURAGE THEM TO PROCEED WITHOUT DELAYING FOR E.C.-WIDE COORDINATION. KISSINGER

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